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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Melvin Kraus on 1/6/06.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 33;

line 1, "claim 31" has been changed to -- claim 32-- ;

In claim 34;

line 1, "claim 31" has been changed to -- claim 32-- ; and

In claim 35;

line 1, "claim 31" has been changed to -- claim 32 -- .

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Onuaku whose telephone number is 571-272-7379. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

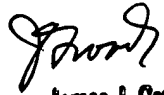
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